

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Surgical eversion apparatus for preparing a conduit for anastomosis in a human patient using a device with multiple piercing members, said eversion apparatus comprising an everting member having a loop shaped portion adapted to be inserted into an end portion of a conduit from a human patient and configured to fold a portion of the conduit over itself when it is moved away [[for]] from the conduit end portion and along the conduit while a portion of the conduit is held fixed relative thereto.

2. (Previously Presented) The eversion apparatus of claim 1 wherein said everting apparatus includes a handle and said everting member is coupled to said handle.

3. (Previously Presented) The eversion apparatus of claim 2 wherein said everting member comprises a flexible member having two ends, said two ends being movable relative to said handle and portions of said flexible member being slidably mounted to said handle.

4. (Previously Presented) The eversion apparatus of claim 2 wherein said everting member comprises a flexible member having two ends, one of said ends being movable relative to said handle, the other one of said two ends being fixedly secured to said handle.

5. (Previously Presented) The eversion apparatus of claim 2 wherein said everting member comprises a flexible member having two ends, both of said ends being fixedly attached to said handle.

6. (Previously Presented) The eversion apparatus of any one of claims 3-5 wherein said flexible member comprises a pliable wire.

7. (Previously Presented) The eversion apparatus of claim 1 wherein said loop shaped portion has an adjustable diameter.

8. (Previously Presented) A vessel eversion system for preparing a vessel for anastomosis in a human patient, said vessel eversion system comprising: a vessel support device having a proximal end and a distal end; and everting apparatus comprising an everting member, said everting member having a loop shaped portion adapted to be inserted into a portion of a vessel to be prepared for an anastomosis in a human patient and evert the portion of the vessel over said vessel support device when said vessel is coupled to said support device with an end portion thereof extending from said distal end of said support device.

9. (Previously Presented) The vessel eversion system of claim 8 wherein said everting apparatus includes a handle and said everting member is coupled to said handle.

10. (Previously Presented) The vessel eversion system of claim 9 wherein said everting member comprises a flexible member having two ends, said two ends being movable relative to said handle and portions of said flexible member being slidably mounted to said handle.

11. (Previously Presented) The vessel eversion system of claim 9 wherein said everting member comprises a flexible member having two ends, one of said ends being movable relative to said handle, the other one of said two ends being fixedly secured to said handle.

12. (Previously Presented) The vessel eversion system of claim 9 wherein said everting member comprises a flexible member having two ends, both of said ends being fixedly attached to said handle.

13. (Previously Presented) The vessel eversion system of any one of claims 10-12 wherein said flexible member comprises a pliable wire.

14. (Previously Presented) The vessel eversion system of claim 8 wherein said loop shaped portion has an adjustable diameter.

15. – 20. (Canceled)